White America, The Trump FearScam and Looming Constitutional Crisis

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The left can be defined in 2020 succinctly as hating fascism.

My contention for a long time has been that Trump is a liberal parody of a baffoon. While the left trots out horror stories reminiscent of the fictional world of Handmaid's Tale if Trump is a two-termer, the conservative movement is lurching further and further left. I have already blogged about the normalization of homosexuality under Trump on the right. He has essentially governed no different than Jeb Bush.

Yet the left hates him because he is one of them. Trump is an elitist criminal conman who pretends to have no power when he has all of it and uses it to enrich his friends. Trump reminds the elites that no matter how many cheap T-shirts they wear on Ellen's show while talking about the prices in Walmart, they are as corrupt and phony as he is. The elites do not fear Trump because they are Trump!

The elites are simply having their consciences goaded by the icky nature of Trump's bombastic behavior. The awful shit and criminal failure of the American empire has been around since before any reading this was born. The elites want to pretend all was fine and good before Orange Hitler™ came along and set America back to the dark ages. But really what Trump did was expose their corruption. Not that Trump isn't

corrupt as well, he is. It's that he has an autistic ability to say the silent part out loud. He has no filter and just says things that the elites have cautiously agreed to ignore. Why? Because their lives are changed in no way by which party or which corporate buffoon is in the White House. Zero.

Which brings me to Roger Cohen (jew!) who wrote one such demented piece in the NY Times which does everything but explicitly say that if Trump's reelection means literally the Fourth Reich:

> Less than 20 days. It has been a long, hard road to this election. I see fearful faces, those of tormented migrants at the Mexican border, and hate-filled faces, those of the white nationalists in Charlottesville chanting, "Jews will not replace us." Donald Trump has been all about the fear of replacement, or as it's sometimes called, "the great replacement." His has been the stand — I am tempted to say the last stand — of whites against nonwhites. Of America-first nationalists against migrants; of straight people against L.G.B.T.Q. people; of the gunned-up against the unarmed. Of Trump against all those he believes would replace the likes of him.

There has been more immigration under Trump and Obama deported more illegals than Trump. Those White nationalists in Charlottesville didn't care about Jews (perhaps they should've). They were pointing out if you tear down confederate statues, Abraham Lincoln is next. And given that the left is now tearing down… Abraham Lincoln statues, who's the conspiracy theorist, Roger? By the way, Trump was the first Republican to wave a rainbow at his rallies. Exit that bullshit:

> All means have been used — lies, brutality, incitement. But fear has been Trump's main weapon. Fear, which depends on pitting one group against another, is the currency of the Trump presidency. It is therefore no surprise that the America that is about to vote is probably more fractured than at any time since the Vietnam War. "The great replacement" is a phrase generally attributed to a French writer, Renaud Camus, who said: "The great replacement is very simple. You have one people, and in the space of a generation, you have a different people." That, of course, is a good definition of America. Of its vitality, its churn, its reinvention, its essential openness. The America that Trump would deny. He wants to freeze a white America. Some strange blend of Norman Rockwell and "Mad Men," in an imaginary United States strutting across a world pliant to its will. Behind "America first" lurks a very un-American credo.

This is where conservatives would have a reverse orgasm. America to them does not mean progress but stagnation in the past. Yet, not true traditionalism, but less icky liberalism with a 50s vibe. Apparently, they don't realize the 50s were a passing station on a historical train ride destined for a cliff. Notice Roger doesn't debunk the Great Replacement theory, which holds that America is becoming less White and on purpose. Notice he also seems to be defining freedom as less White people, thereby proving the very thing he is denying. He just says that's a bad thing to point out because of course he approves:

> Change can be frightening, which is what the great replacement conspiracy theory hinges on. Camus warns grotesquely of a “genocide by substitution,” the replacement of a white French and European order by Muslim hordes in a plot orchestrated by cosmopolitan elites. In Trump’s case, read a white American order replaced by brown Mexican rapists and Black pillagers.
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> France is worried about Muslims from North Africa. Germans were once so worried about Jews replacing them that they killed six million of them. In a world of mass migration, fear rages: Some idea of the nation will be diluted or lost!
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> America is particularly susceptible to fear today because the world has changed in unsettling ways. Power has migrated eastward to Asia. America’s recent wars have been unwon. By midcentury, non-Hispanic whites will constitute less than 50 percent of the population.

Change is not frightening; White genocide and replacement is. One could say making America into an anti-liberal White ethnostate would constitute a change from what America was not into a post-American order. So, its not that Cohen is supportive of change regardless of the kind. It’s just he’s painted a strawman. He says that America was always destined, as a liberal experiment, to endlessly collide towards the cliff of progress. In that he is not wrong, which is why true dissidents must oppose Americanism and America as the liberal experiment it always was. But then he says Trump wants to go back to a sort of interim liberal America from the 50s. So which is it Roger, does Trump want to usher in a new order in which Whites are in charge again or just reverse course a few decades to less icky, less progressive liberalism? Continued:

> As with McCarthy, however, the real danger comes from Trump’s obsessions, not from these imagined enemies. American freedom is in decline. The freedom to think, because thought depends on truth. The freedom to dissent, because Trump believes he has “the right to do whatever I want as president.” The freedom to breathe, because Trumpism — its nepotism, its cozying to dictators, its incessant volume — is suffocating.
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> The freedom inextricable from the American idea that I, a naturalized American, hold sacred with an unreasonable ardor. No, we cannot defend freedom abroad by deserting it at home. We can only defend those who trample human dignity and human rights. As Trump has done with cavalier abandon.

If American freedom were actually in decline, meaning liberal enlightenment liberty to do whatever degenerate thing you please, that would be a good thing. But that isn’t what is happening and nor is Trump ushering in some authoritarian measures. The democrats in both chambers reauthorized the Patriot Act (e.g. mass spying) and opposed Trump pulling out of several Middle Eastern engagements. They impeached him because he dared to, according to them, withhold military aid to Ukraine. That’s actually what Biden did. Most Democrats oppose defunding the police and Biden wants more funding. So do Black Americans overwhelmingly, by the way. Again, this schizophrenia is uncanny. If Trump is dangerous why are you giving him all this power and if he isn’t (he isn’t) what are you opposing, other than him using the wrong salad fork? More:

> Is it unreasonable to see renewal in a 77-year-old man, Joe Biden? No. We live in the real world, where the perfect cannot be the enemy of the good. Indecency demands the restoration of decency. That's ground zero of this election. The choice was starkly evident in the televised town hall events Thursday as Trump spouted wild far-right conspiracy theories while Biden had the self-deprecating honesty to say that if he lost, it could suggest he's "a lousy candidate." Biden is not a lousy candidate; he is a good man, a brave man. I doff my hat to any parent who survives with such dignity the loss of two of his four children.

Oddly enough, if Trump became president for life or whatever, we wouldn't get fascism. We'd just get another decade or so of political theater from the left and nutty policies from the right. Nothing would change. Trump sticking the liberals in gulags or cracking down on big tech or actually deport illegals or non-Whites or calling out jewish influence would not happen. And about Biden, I mean, calling himself a lousy candidate is perhaps not only the truest thing he's ever said, but also the most understated. Biden is lousy but not because he is a Democrat. *He's lousy because he is Donald Trump!* Biden and Trump are not different people, they are one and the same. If Biden wins, the left will go to sleep and the right will declare a war on Christmas; if Trump wins, the right will cheer and the left will declare the second coming of Hitler. It's all so tedious.

As an addendum to this piece, I have attached a rather long more scholarly piece on the possible constitutional crises we have face after the November election. If I could summarize: either way, the shitshow will be enormously fun to watch. Make popcorn!

Links

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